

Program Highlights 2007

Approaching the Visual Generation:

DVD on "Undergraduate Study in the US, through the Eyes of Romanian Students"

The final DVD presents five advising success stories of students admitted with massive funding to: Amherst College, MA; Hamilton College, NY; Duke University, NC; Occidental College, CA; and Yale University, CT.

NAFSA Workshop by EducationUSA

For the second year, the Fulbright Advising Center submitted a proposal for a NAFSA Workshop highlighting the partnership between EducationUSA and US schools. The workshop was very well received and was rated as the second most popular workshop at the NAFSA Annual Conference.



EducationUSA Students Who Made It

Serban spent one full year with EducationUSA's network partner, Fulbright Romania. Through participation in group advising sessions, guided research and individual study and counseling, he was able to put together a very strong application that led to his admission to Harvard, with full funding.

"Americans have a lot to teach us, and we have quite a few things to pass on to them as well. In exchange for your Old World wisdom, they will share with you their optimistic can-do attitude, a certain inability to be idle, and most amazingly, their way of being pro-active about things."

Serban Tanasa, Harvard College, Class 2007

Key EducationUSA Partnerships

- ▶ US Embassy, Public Affairs Section
- ▶ IE3 Global Internships, Corvallis, Oregon
- ▶ American Corners in Romania
- ▶ Romanian academic institutions hosting the Regional Information Centers
- ▶ Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education

Country Statistics	2006	2007
Number of students in the US:	3,225	3,134
Total number of inquiries:	8,204	6,906
The total \$ amount of US student scholarships:	1.164 million	1.233 million
Average aid per student [\$]:	27,715	25,692

Romania

Advising Center Network

The EducationUSA Advising Center of the Fulbright Commission in Bucharest engages in a wide range of innovative activities beyond the core advising services. Special projects include group training programs, in-house and off-site workshops, pre-departure orientations, and the production of a DVD series for Romanian students. The Fulbright Advising Center supports the in-country network of American Corners, Fulbright, and other EducationUSA partners through extensive training programs and tailor-made outreach materials. The center has excelled at building transatlantic relationships with US-based partners.

Resource Links

Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in Higher Education: www.aracis.ro/home_en

Romanian Ministry of Education: www.edu.ro (only in Romanian)

Resources for "US educators": www.fulbright.ro/educationUSA

Recent Trends: US Study ▼ -2.8%

- ▶ Given the increased competition from other educational markets, more and more students are losing interest in US study at both undergraduate and graduate level. They are turning to EU countries and Canada for two main reasons: lower costs and the ease of the application process.
- ▶ Virtual advising has increased spectacularly, at an average of 130% every 3 years.
- ▶ Advising has shifted from information providing to skill building.
- ▶ Despite the overall drop in center visitors, the overall number of enrollments from the ranks of those students who have visited the advising center shows a steady upward trend, and the total amount of scholarships attracted by the students who have been through the center's training programs has been steadily increasing.
- ▶ Fields of study: at undergraduate level: math & computer science, physical sciences, business/economics, social sciences; at graduate level: business, sciences, humanities.
- ▶ Common sports for student-athletes: soccer, tennis, volleyball, gymnastics, handball, basketball, and swimming/diving.

Education System Overview

	Secondary Education	Higher Education (Bachelor's Degree)
Language of instruction:	Romanian, Hungarian, German, etc.	Romanian and Hungarian
Years of study required:	8 years	3-5 years
Grading system & US equivalent:	10 is the highest grade, the equivalent of 4 or A and 5 is the lowest passing grade	
Scholarship for US studies:		140 USD/month to cover living expenses

Upcoming Events 2008-2009

- ▶ Digital video conferences – Contact us to get involved
- ▶ University highlights via outreach and Fulbright website as "University of the Month"
- ▶ Sessions on visa interviews
- ▶ Training programs for Romanian applicants to US schools

Partnering with EducationUSA Romania

US international education experts are welcome to contact EducationUSA Romania for:

- ▶ Credential verification, accreditation information & research on Romanian schools
- ▶ Logistical support for presentations and meetings

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